

House Study Bill 80

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TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the speed limit for vehicular traffic on
2 interstate highways.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1302YC 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.285, subsection 6, Code 2005, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 6. a. Notwithstanding any other speed restrictions, the
1 4 speed limit for all vehicular traffic on fully controlled=
1 5 access, divided, multilaned highways ~~including the national~~
~~1 6 system of interstate highways~~ is sixty-five miles per hour.
1 7 However, the speed limit for all vehicular traffic on highways
1 8 that are part of the interstate road system, as defined in
1 9 section 306.3, is seventy miles per hour. The department may
1 10 establish a speed limit of sixty-five miles per hour on
1 11 certain divided, multilaned highways not otherwise described
1 12 in this paragraph.
1 13 ~~b.~~ However, the ~~The~~ department, ~~or cities~~ a city with the
1 14 approval of the department, may establish a lower speed limit
1 15 ~~upon such highways on a highway described in this subsection~~
1 16 that is located within the corporate limits of a city.
1 17 c. For the purposes of this subsection, ~~a fully~~ "fully
1 18 controlled-access highway ~~is highway~~" means a highway that
1 19 gives preference to through traffic by providing access
1 20 connections with selected public roads only and by prohibiting
1 21 crossings at grade or direct private driveway connections.
1 22 d. A minimum speed may be established by the department on
1 23 the highways referred to in this subsection if warranted by
1 24 engineering and traffic investigations.
1 25 ~~e.~~ It is further provided that any Any kind of vehicle,
1 26 implement, or conveyance incapable of attaining and
1 27 maintaining a speed of forty miles per hour shall be
1 28 prohibited from using the interstate road system.

EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill increases the speed limit for interstate highways
1 31 from 65 to 70 miles per hour for all vehicles. The bill
1 32 retains the current provision that allows the state department
1 33 of transportation, or a city with the approval of the
1 34 department, to establish a lower speed limit for such a
1 35 highway located within the corporate limits of a city.

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